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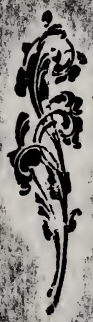

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NATHANIEL M. SENTER, Moderator
JOHN REVES, Clerk.

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MOUNTAIN DISTRICT BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Held with the Cross Road Church, Grayson County, Va., on Friday the 24th day of September, 1852 and days following:

The Elder appointed to preach the introductory sermon failing to attend, Elder Enoch Reves, his alternate, delivered the introductory sermon, from the Evangelist Matthew, 25th chapter and 10th verse.

Received letters from all the churches in our District, from which the annexed table was prepared.

Then proceeded to organize the Association by appointing Elder Nathaniel M. Senter, Moderator, and John Reves, Clerk.

Then, on motion, received corresponding messengers, as follows: From the Three Fork Association, Elders George Patrick, L Hodges, and br. David Houk, with a letter and parcel of minutes. From the Roaring River Association, Elder Joshua Long, with a letter, but no minutes. Also from the Washington Association , Elder Thomas Colly, with a letter and pack of minutes.—All of whom received the right hand of fellowship and took seats with us, and aided us in council.

Called on Corresponding messengers of last year, who reported satisfactorily and were discharged.

The delegates of the Cross Road Church were appointed to assign preachers to occupy the stage for to-morrow, who reported as follows: Elders H. Vanover, L. Hodges, L. Grimsley and T. Woody.

Then, on motion appointed Corresponding messengers to sister Associations: To the Washington, Elders T. Carr, N. M. Senter, and L Grimsley. To the Three Fork, Elders Solomon Stamper, T. Woody and R. Kilby. To the Roaring River, Elders S. Stamper, H. Vanover and brother Jesse Austin.

On motion, appointed brethren to write corresponding letters to our sister Associations: James Dickey, to Washington; Thomas Carr to Three Fork; and J. B. Parsons to

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the Roaring River; and have them ready for inspection by to-morrow.

Appointed Solomon Stamper, Andrew McMillan, Lowry Grimsley, Henry Vanover and Jesse Austin, with the Moderator and Clerk, a Committee of Arrangements, and invited corresponding brethren to sit with them.

After prayer by brother L. Hodges, adjourned until to-morrow, 10 o'clock.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1852.

Met according to adjournment. After prayer by S. Stamper, proceeded to business.

The Committee of Arrangements reported, and was discharged.

Then appointed a Committee of Finance, consisting of brethren John Patterson, John M. Rouse and Andrew McMillan, who reported that they had received in contributions from the churches, $25.00; from the Treasurer, $4.00; Total $29.00 Allowed the Clerk for his services $5.00; left in the hands of the Treasurer for printing the minutes $8.00; distributed to corresponding messengers $16.00. And they were discharged.

Called on the committee, which was appointed to visit Crooked and Meadow Creek Churches, who reported that only one of them attended, the difficulty being removed; and they were discharged.

On motion, took up the request from New River church, requesting our Articles of Faith to be attached to our minutes, and granted said request. And appointed a committee, consisting of S. Stamper, H. Vanover, N. M. Senter, with the Clerk, to transcribe our Articles of Faith and attach them to our minutes.

Then took the question from Fox and Grassy Creek Churches:

Question:—If a member who has belonged to a missionary church and was baptized by one of them, and should ask admittance into our church, what should we do with him?

Answer:—We say, as an advisory council, that we hold Missionary Baptism valid, except there be a defect in the administrator, the subject, or the mode.

On motion, took up the case of Jacob Brinegar, who was

formerly an ordained preacher of our body, and has been excluded from the fellowship of the church to which he belonged, and as we understand, is still exercising a public gift, which we say is in disorder.

On motion, took up the request of Jordan and Laurel Fork churches, wanting to be attached to certain sections of the district; and attached Jordan to the 3rd section, and Laurel Fork to the 1st section.

The letters to our sister Associations were read, approved of and signed by he Moderator and Clerk.

Appointed the Clerk to transcribe the minutes for the press and have 700 copies printed as heretofore.

Appointed a committee of one brother from each quarter section, with the delegates of Cross Road church, to arrange the ministry for the Sabbath, who reported that Elders T. Colly, J. Long, L. Hodges and L. Grimsley, shall occupy the stand on Sabbath.

Then appointed our next Association to be held with the Silas Creek church, Ashe county, N. C., to commence on Friday before the 4th Lord's Day in September, 1853. And that Elder George Douglass preach the introductory sermon; and T. Woody his alternate.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be tendered to the citizens of this vicinity for their kind hospitality to us during our session.

After admonition and prayer by the Moderator, adjourned to time and place above mentioned.

NATHANIEL M. SENTER, Moderator.
JOHN REVES, Clerk.

The stage was occupied by those appointed each day, and there was in attendance both days, Saturday and Sunday, a large and respectable congregation of people, who seemed anxious to hear the word preached. Many seemed to be deeply affected, and we hope the labors of our preaching brethren will prove a blessing to many precious souls who were in attendance.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one only true and living God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and these three are one.

2. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of election by grace.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin, and in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by his own free will or ability.

5. We believe that sinners are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit, and that all who are thus regenerated and born again, by the Spirit of God, shall never fall finally away.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only, by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

7. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of those ordinances; and we believe the only true mode of Baptism is by immersion.

8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment; and that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances of the gospel except such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands by the presbytery.

We, the Committee appointed by the Little River Association in session at Glade Creek church the year 1921, do certify that this is a true copy of the Minutes of the Mountain District Baptist Association held with Cross Roads church, Grayson County, Virginia, September 24, 1852.

ELDER A. McKNIGHT
C. S. McKNIGHT
J. T. MILES
Committee.

STATE OF THE CHURCHES IN THE MOUNTAIN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

CHURCHES	NAMES OF DELEGATES	Baptized	Rec. by let.	Restored	Excluded	Dis. by let.	Deceased	Total	Contrib'ns
Grassy Creek	Christopher Thompson and Francis Chandler	0	0	0	4	1	0	41	1.40
Laurel Fork	Reves Osborne	6	3	0	0	0	0	20	.50
Silas Creek	Newel Stuart, Reason Jones, Pryor Roberts	13	4	1	1	1	1	59	1.50
New River	Cox Edwards, Andrew Hampton, Harvey Comer	0	0	0	0	2	0	30	.97
Jordan	James Cole, Jesse Austin, Eli C. Reves	6	1	0	1	6	0	70	1.00
Pine Fork	Henry Vanover and Owen Sizemore	0	2	0	0	0	0	53	.72
Piney Creek		1	0	1	2	6	2	145	.60
Senter	Nathaniel M. Senter, Jacob Koons, Andrew McMillan	0	0	0	1	2	0	86	2.00
Saddle Creek	Isaac Barton, John Busick, Zachariah Sawyers	0	1	0	0	0	0	27	1.00
Little River	John Fender, and James Anders	0	1	0	2	0	1	140	1.66
South Fork	Lowry Grimsley, James Sturgill, David Sturgill	0	0	0	1	1	0	46	1.00
Elk Creek	Enoch Reves, Joseph B. Parsons, John Gambill	0	0	0	2	2	1	115	2.00
Big Helton	Reuben Kirby, John Thompson, Andrew Powers	29	3	0	3	5	0	74	1.50
Cross Roads	Thomas Carr, Solomon Ginnings, Anderson Rector	4	0	0	0	0	1	53	1.00
Union	William Whitehead and Josiah Caudle	0	5	0	0	4	0	55	1.00
Meadow Creek	Hughs W. Roberts, Jonathan Edwards, Isaac Bedsoe	0	1	0	0	0	1	59	1.00
Knob Fork	John Patterson and James Dickey	0	0	0	1	0	0	30	1.50
Cranberry	Solomon Stamper, Tarleton Woody, John Reves	0	0	0	1	1	0	111	1.50
Liberty	John M. Rouse, Creed N. Welsh	2	0	0	0	0	1	18	.55
Crooked Creek	Burden Burcham, Hardin Payne, William Sumner	1	0	1	2	0	1	31	.60
Fox Creek	Robert Halsey, and William Halsey	0	0	0	0	0	0	67	2.00
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